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UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

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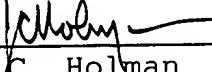
With respect to the above-identified national phase application, the following are filed herewith in response to the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371, mailed **4 December 2006**, copy attached.

- Declaration in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.63.
- Declaration in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.63, attached to copy of specification as filed.
- If a Petition for Extension of time is necessary and the Petition and/or the check is not enclosed, this will act as the Petition and applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response and charge and fees necessary under 37 CFR 1.17 (a) - (d) to Deposit Account No. 06-1358. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge payment of any other additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1358. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 04/21/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 04/21/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 07/14/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 04/21/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 04/21/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 04/21/2006
- Specification filed on 04/21/2006
- Claims filed on 04/21/2006
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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

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